Reservation to OBCs in higher education

†3053. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to give reservation to OBCs in higher educational institutes; and

(b) if so, the names of such institutes which have been brought within the periphery of reservation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) While no such decision has been taken, the Constitution (93rd Amendment) Act, 2005 enables the State to make provisions by law in matters of admission, to all educational Institutions, for the weaker Sections of the Society, including the Other Backward Classes (OBCs).

(b) Does not arise.

Withdrawal of books from NCERT syllabus

304. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a proposal to withdraw some NCERT text books from next session;

(b) if so, the names of text books and reasons for withdrawal;

(c) whether the National Minorities Commission has given its recommendation for withdrawal of these textbooks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. NCERT conducts periodic review of syllabi and textbooks based on the National Curriculum Framework (NCF). The NCF-2005 was approved in September, 2005. In consonance with NCF-2005 and revision of the syllabi based thereon, NCERT has introduced new textbooks for classes I, III, VI, IX and XI from the academic year 2006-07. These textbooks have replaced the textbooks prepared on the basis of National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCFSE)-2000. Similarly, new textbooks for classes II,

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